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R 152200Z JAN 80
FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6376
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA
AMEMBASSY PANAMA
AMEMBASSY MANAGUA
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SUBJ: AMBASSADORS RELEASED BUT VIOLENCE CONTINUES

1. PANAMANIAN EMBASSY. ON JANUARY 14 JRG HANDED OVER SEVEN IMPRISONED MEMBERS OF LP-28 TO MEMBER OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, WHO CONVEYED THEM TO LP-28 REPRESENTATIVES. IN RETURN GROUP RELEASED ALL HOSTAGES UNHARMED FROM PANAMANIAN EMBASSY DURING EVENING SAME DAY.

2. CHALATENANGO.
A. NEW FIGHTING BROKE OUT IN AREA OF CHALATENANGO WHERE— SEVERAL INCIDENTS, INCLUDING THOSE DENOUNCED BY ARCHBISHOP ROMERO ON JAN 5, HAVE OCCURRED SINCE LATE DECEMBER. APPARENTLY IN ATTEMPT TO RESCUE KIDNAPPED NATIONAL GUARDSMAN QUINTANILLA (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED), NATIONAL GUARD CARRIED OUT SEVERAL OPERATIONS ON JAN 13 AND 14. ACCORDING PRESS, A NUMBER OF CLASHES OCCURRED WHICH RESULTED IN "NUMEROUS LOSSES" FOR SUBVERSIVES. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED BY NATIONAL GUARD, WHICH CLAIMED EVIDENCE INDICATED QUINTANILLA, HAD BEEN TORTURED AND PROBABLY KILLED. NEWSPAPERS SAY NG OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE ON JAN 15 AND NEW CLASHES ARE EXPECTED.
B. ACCORDING PRESS, NG INVESTIGATION FOUND EVIDENCE LINKING QUINTANILLA KIDNAPPING WITH ITIALIAN PRIEST AND TWO MEXICAN NUNS. ALL THREE WERE DETAINED JAN 12 (DAY OF KIDNAPPING) AND RELEASED SAME DAY. THIS RPOMPTED ARCHBISHOP ROMERO'S STATEMENTS (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) DURING SUNDAY JAN 12 HOMILY ABOUT NG THREATS TO NUNS. ONE OF TWO NUNS TRAVELED TO SAN SALVADOR AND MADE PLEA IN CATHEDRAL FOR QUINTANILLA'S SAFE RETURN DURING ARCBR HOP'S HOMILY.
C. INSERTION OF JAN 15 PRESS BY CHRISTIAN FEDERATION OF SALVADORAN CAMPESINOS - UNION OF LAND WORKERS (FECCAS-UTC, A BPR AFFILIATE) DENOUNCES CHALATENANGO EVENTS, CLAIMING SECURITY FORCES KILLED TWELVE PEOPLE THERE BETWEEN DEC 29 AND JAN 10. FECCAS-UTC ANNOUNCES THAT FOLLOWING ARE HELD RESPOLSIBLE: JRG (THREE NEW CIVILIAN MEMBERS ARE MENTIONED BY NAME); OLIGARCHYN AND SPECIFICALLY "PEACE, WORK, AND LOVE" CAMPAIGN; AND NORTH AMERIAN IMPERIALISM

3. BPR MEMBER KILLED.
A. A MEMBER OF BPR'S NATIONAL PROPAGANDA COMMISSION WAS SHOT AND KILLED JAN 12 IN SOYAPANGO.
B. PRESS INSERTION ON JAN 15 BY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SALVADORAN EDUCATORS (ANDES 21 DE JUNIO) HOLDS JRG RESPONSIBLE FOR KILLING, DEMANDS PUNISHMENT FOR GUILTY PARTIES, AND INVITES PUBLIC TO FUNERAL.

4. ORDEN MEMBER KILLED. ON JAN 12 UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS KILLED A FORMER ORDEN OFFICIAL NEAR SONSONATE.

5. ERP SHOOTING. REVOLUTIONARY ARMY OF THE PEOPLE (ERP) HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SERIOUSLY WOUNDING THE SECRETARY OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION OF CUSCATANCINGO (SUBURB OF SAN SALVADOR) ON JAN 14.

6. EX-PCN DEPUTY SHOT. IN AYUTUXTEPEQUE UNIDENTIFIED TERRORISTS ASSASSINATED ON JAN 14 FORMER PCN DEPUTY MARIO ADOLFO CUELLAR MARTINEZ. RADIO REPORTS NOW INDICATE FARN HAS CLAIMED RESPONSABILITY.

7. GUATEMALAN EMBASSY. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM MACHINE-GUNNING OF GUATEMALAN EMBASSY EARLY MONDAY MORNING. REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OF CENTRAL AMERICAN WORKERS (PRTC) CLAIMS IT CARRIED OUT ATTACK TO PROTEST "MACHINE-GUNNING AT CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUATEMALA BY ANTI-COMMUNIST ARMY".
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